

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Claims 1 through 6, 8 through 15 and 17 through 20 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 8, 10, 17, 19, and 20 have been amended. Claims 7 and 16 have been canceled.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims presented in the application patently distinguish over the cited prior art and the cited combinations of same. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed on to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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